

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the California Energy Commission are developing a joint Staff Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement (SA/EIS) to satisfy CEQA and NEPA, and a CDCA plan amendment to allocate approximately 8,230 acres of BLM-managed public lands as suitable for development and operation a solar energy generation facility in the vicinity of I-40 just west of Ludlow and 37 miles east of Barstow in rural San Bernardino County, California.

The Project will include a main access road from the south off Hector Road, secondary access off Pisgah Crater Road, internal access roads, approximately 34,000 Stirling SunCatcher solar concentrating dishes, perimeter fencing, and ancillary facilities. Each 25 kW SunCatcher has a diameter of 38 feet and a maximum height of 45 feet. The facility would generate a total of 850 megawatt (MW) of electricity, to be phased on-line as each 60 units are completed. Ancillary facilities include underground communication and electrical collection systems, a new electrical substation, 2 miles of 230kV overhead transmission line connecting to an upgraded SCE-Pisgah substation, upgrade of the Pisgah Lugo #2 line between the site and the Victorville area substation, services complex, administration and maintenance buildings, temporary staging area and access routes.

**Cooperating Agencies:** BLM and CEC are inviting tribal, state and local governments, as well as federal agencies to serve as cooperating agencies on the project. Cooperating agencies will be involved throughout the process and play a key role in development of the SA/EIS and Plan Amendment.

**Public Involvement:** The public is invited to submit comments **NOW**. There are three formal comment periods and public input key to the development of the SA/EIS. These formal comment periods include scoping (June 8, 2009 through July 7, 2009), which includes a **public scoping meeting in Barstow on June 22, 2009**. After the release of the Draft EIS there will be a 90-day public comment period on the document. Finally, after the release of the Final EIS, a 30-day protest period will occur. Comments can be submitted via email at [Jim\\_Stobaugh@blm.gov](mailto:Jim_Stobaugh@blm.gov) or to Mr. Jim Stobaugh at the **Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, Attn: Jim Stobaugh, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, Phone: (775) 861-6478, FAX (775) 861-6712**. Site specific or area information may be obtained by contacting the BLM Barstow Field Office (<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>).

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Scoping Meeting Information: Coming soon	<a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/alternative_energy.html">www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/alternative_energy.html</a>
Scoping Report: Estimated September 2009	<a href="http://www.stirlingenergy.com">www.stirlingenergy.com</a>